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- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with ten (10) references.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 10 references that are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

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